

Twins & Triplets of Li Exovedes

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Synopsis

Forty-three (43) families were blessed with twins - or supposed so - and two (2) families were blessed with triplets. Insomuch, of note are known twins James and John Breland and their brother Joseph Breland, which may or may not be their triplet! - records for these are confusing. It is noteworthy that Marie-Ellen and Maggie Garson were seemingly born in different cities one month apart. The records are also confusing for Charles and Virginie, lastborn son and daughter of the traitor Charles Nolin and his first wife Marie-Anne Harrison. Erroneous recordkeeping has confused the issue of Barnabé and Modeste Short, *as well*: Barnabé is said to be born on 1 July 1869, while Modeste is said to be born in November 1869 - both at St-François-Xavier, RRS. And, unless the scribe is wrong and the records were improperly recorded, Raphael Parenteau's twin brother Alphonse Joseph *père* was born two days later... Furthermore, Elizabeth Beaugrand *dit* Champagne *sister of twins Ambroise and Marie* was born only seven months later! too soon for a full term pregnancy, so unless Elizabeth was a premature birth, the birth dates must be wrong. Facts concerning Christina Anderson Isbister may be erroneous, *as well*.

Also notable are Thomas and Alice Mary *children of Patriot Henri "Fleury" Sayers - a widower* - and Marie Bremner (*deceased*) who were born on 29 May 1881 at Headingly (MB); as noted, these died before June 1881. Twin daughters were *also* born unto his son *Patriots Alexandre Henri Sayers and Susanna Isbister* in 1884, but they both died at birth.

Only one family seems to have been Dominion Sympathizers, that of William and Maria (*née* Rowland) McKay III, which were twice blessed with twins. The Patriot families of Jean-Baptiste and Marguerite (*née* Pepin) Delorme *dit* Bidou, Capt. Augustin and Louise (*née* Ledoux) Laframboise, and Pierre "Beau-blé" and Agnes (*née* Parenteau) Laverdure, were all *also* twice blest with twins. Concerning the triplets; unfortunately, Lazare and Alexandre Hamelin died in infancy, although they were survived by their sister Marie-Julia, who lived for twenty-three years.

Otherwise, to name a few, Louise and Jean-Baptiste Gervais are supposed to be twins. As are Joseph and Christine Ferguson. Children of the Occupation William and Corbett McLeod were born in exile in Calgary, NWT (AB), but it is not known as to exactly when. Emerise and Hyacinthe Laframboise both died on 16 April 1896 at Duck Lake, NWT (SK) - age 21 - *et cetera*.

In closing, it is not uncommon for the information concerning these people to be incomplete; although most birth dates are certain, the same cannot be said about relative baptismal and/or death certification. None of the twins, or the triplets, seems to have

been a *religieuse* or soldier... and, with the exception of Marie-Celina Charette, none is accounted amongst the child-brides of North America.

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Twins

Pierre Belgarde (b. May 1889) and Davies Belgarde (b. 1889) *children of Pierre Belgarde and Maria Fiddler* are most probably twins, although, it is unspecified for certain. They both died 9 April 1890 at St-Antoine, Batoché, NWT (SK) - Davies is known to have been buried on the same day.

James and John Breland *sons of Patriots Joseph Josué Breland and Marie-Flavie Dauphinais* were born in 1880 in the Cypress Hills District , NWT (SK): Note: Joseph Breland, their brother, was born and died in September 1880. John died unknown in Maple Creek, (SK). Now, unless these three brothers were triplets, James and John would have had to have been born in January, *if not in 1885*. Even if Joseph was born near the end of the month and the twins born early in the year, it is still only nine months between them, which is plausible.

Patriot Marie-Marguerite and sister Caroline *children of Capt. Jean-Baptiste Boucher père and Caroline Lespérance* are supposed twins born one week apart: Child-Bride Marie-Marguerite Boucher was born on 20 November 1869...; sister Caroline was born on 27 November 1869 at St-François-Xavier, RRS; she was baptized the next day on 28 November 1869, St-François-Xavier, RRS - *Marie-Marguerite must have likewise been baptized*. Marie-Marguerite died on 3 March 1946, St-Louis, (SK) - age 77 - and she was buried at Domrémy Cemetery, (SK).

Patriots Ambroise and Marie Beaugrand *dit Champagne children of Patriots Emmanuel Beaugrand dit Champagne and Marie Letendré dit Batoché*¹ were born ~1884 *it is supposed somewhere in the South Branch district*. It is noteworthy that their younger brother Patriot Bazile Cleophas was born 15 January 1853, whilst sister Elizabeth, also a Patriots, was born on 30 August 1853 - only seven months later! too soon for a full term pregnancy, so unless Elizabeth was a premature birth, the birth dates must be wrong.

Marie-Celina and Frederick Charette *children of Patriots Joseph Charette père and Rosalie Collins* were born in 1880 at Wood Mountain, NWT (SK). In *Families of the 1885 Resistance*, 2009, Barkwell erroneously lists William Piché and twin Marie-Celina Charette as being espoused at the time of the Invasion - *if so, she would have been a child-bride of age 15*.

Samuel and John Robert Cromarty *sons of Dominion Sympathizers William Edward Cromarty and Mary Ann Hourie*² were born 23 March 1870 at Poplar Point,

¹ A *founding family of Batoché* living at St-Laurent by 1877.

² The Cromartys and Houries were Hudson Bay servants. In a colonization trek of 1878, Cromartys and others came to Halcro Settlement with friends and relatives.

(MB). John Robert Cromarty died on 4 December 1928 at Birch Hills, (SK) - age 58 yrs.; his brother Samuel outlived him by 14 years and died in 1942 in Saskatchewan - age 72 yrs.

The family of Patriots Jean-Baptiste Delorme *dit* Bidou and Marguerite Pepin were twice blest with twins: Marcel (*also known as* Martial) and Julienne were born 30 June 1863 at St-Boniface, RRS, and twin daughters Françoise and Rosalie were born 1 October 1867 *also* at St-Boniface, RRS.

William and Corbett, *sons of Joseph Delorme and Lizette "Liza" McLeod*, were Children of the Occupation, being born in exile in Calgary, NWT (AB): It is known that William was born in 1885, but it is not known as to exactly when; furthermore, it is *also* known that Corbett was born in August 1885, but he died six months later in February 1886 at Calgary, NWT (AB).

Marie L. and Madeleine M. Deschamps *daughters of Patriots (Jean)-Baptiste Deschamps and Catherine Vandal* were born on 6 March 1875 in the North-West Territories (AB).

François Desjarlais *son of Patriots François "Chief Pe-yah-sis" Desjarlais and Marie Cardinal dit Fleury* was born on 6 May 1869 at Lac la Biché, NWT (AB) ... his brother Michel was *also* born in 1869, but it is uncertain as to exactly when, so it is just supposed that they be twins!

Alexander and Marie-Ernestine Desmarais *children of Patriots Jean Michel "John" Desmarais and Hélène Gosselin* were born in August 1877 at Fort Walsh District, NWT (AB); sadly, they died in infancy in January 1878 (age 5 mos.), *still* at Fort Walsh, NWT (AB). (In 1882, another son named Joseph also died in infancy.)

Georgeline and Teonsoline Dubois *daughters of Ambroise Dubois and Angélique Caron* were born on 14 May 1899 at a place unknown.

Rosalie and Véronique Dumont *daughter of Patriots Capt. Edouard Dumont and Sophie Letendré* were born on 30 October 1872³ at St-Laurent, NWT (SK): The twins survived until 5 October 1874, dieing at St-Laurent, NWT (SK) - both dieing on the same day at age 2 yrs.

Patriots Elizabeth and Isabelle Dumont *daughters of Patriots Jean "Petit" Dumont, and Domitilde Gravelle* were born on 12 December 1858 at St-François-Xavier, RRS. Isabelle died in 1890 at a place unknown.

Children of the Occupation: Elmire (b. April 1888) and Marie-Louise (b. 1 May 1888) *children of Patriots Patrice Dumont and child-bride Marie-Louise Patenaude*⁴ are considered twins.

³ Rosalie is noted as being born on 3 October 1872... but I am assuming this to be erroneous.

⁴ Patrice Dumont (22) m. Marie-Louise Patenaude (18) on 21 February 1887, Batoché, NWT (SK).

Joseph Ferguson *son of Antoine Ferguson and Élise Jerome dit St-Mathé* was born on 8 September 1885... his sister Christine was also born in 1885, but it is not specified when; what is known is that their sister Marie-Vitaline was born in January 1884, which means that although it is possible she was born sometime between the two, it is more likely that she was Joseph's twin. Of course, this is speculation.

Marguerite Angèle and Sarah *daughters of Patriots George Andrew Fiddler and Marguerite Boyer* were born on 26 May 1880 at St-Eustache, (MB).

Children of the Occupation Dorothy and Paul Fiddler *children of François-Xavier Fiddler and Marie-Rose Sansregret* were born on 7 June 1910 at Fish Creek, NWT, (SK) - *Paul was deceased.*

There is controversy over the supposed twin daughters of *Patriots Peter Flett Garson and Jane Flett*: Marie-Ellen was born on 6 March 1880 at Prince Albert, NWT (SK); but, Maggie was born on 7 April 1880 at Winnipeg, (MB)...! It is highly unlikely that these two were born one month apart; therefore, there can be no doubt but they are not twins, supposing Maggie born in any other year *before 1884... when the next youngest sibling was born.*

Louise and Jean-Baptiste, *children of Patriots Bazile Gervais and Françoise Ledoux*, are supposed to be twins: the daughter being born in June 1847 in the Red River Settlement - she died in August 1914 at Batoché, (SK); and, the son being born in 1847 or ~1852 - in which case these wouldst obviously not be twins.

Edmond and Edward *sons of Patriots Roger Goulet Sr. and Joséphine Venne* were Children of the Occupation born in 1888 at a place unknown. (*Their family had been living at Batoché.*)

William and Christina Anderson *children of Patriots (John) James Isbister - elder of the Anglo-Métis - and Margaret "Maggie" Bear* were born in 1841; although it is unknown as to exactly when William was born, it is known that Christina Anderson was born on 24 February 1841 in Rupert's Land, but she died four days later on 28 February 1861. (At least one source suggests that she was born in 1867, but I think this to be a scribe error... not recognizing the 7 as a 1.)

Solomon (b. 1869) and Napoléon (b. June 1869) *children of Jean-Baptiste Lafond Sr. and Thérèse Arcand* were born at Carlton, NWT (SK): (*both parents were deceased by 1885*).

Patriots Adele and Joseph *children of Patriots GabRiel Lafournaire dit Laboucane and Elizabeth Landry* were born in 1865 at Wood Mountain, NWT (SK).

The family of *Patriots Capt. Augustin Laframboise - martyr - and Louise Ledoux* was also twice blest with twins: Daughters Emerise and Hyacinthe were born in 1875 at

Red Deer River, NWT (AB); they both died on 16 April 1896 at Duck Lake, NWT (SK) - age 21. April can be a cold, wet month in Saskatchewan... poor girls, they must have gotten sick. Sons Étienne and Eugene were born on 18 October 1884 at Duck Lake, NWT (SK): Étienne died on 15 April 1889; Eugene *also* died in 1889... at Duck Lake, NWT (SK): It is not known if they died together; furthermore, it is unknown whereat Étienne died.

Eliza and François *children of Patriots* Élie Pierre Landry and Geneviève Bruneau were born in 1867 at a place unknown.

The family of *Patriots* Pierre "Beau-blé" Laverdure and Agnes Parenteau was *also* twice blessed with twins: Daughters Elise and Isabelle were born in 1872. It is unknown where Isabelle was born; although Elise, who may have been born in 1873, is known to be born at Batoché, NWT (SK); she died in 1887 - age (14 or) 15. Michel and Hermengilde were born in 1879: It is unknown where Michel was born but Hermengilde was born in the Cypress Hills (Montagne de Cypries), NWT (SK); she died in 1897 at a place unknown.

Julie and Isidore *children of Patriots* Joseph "Toomahtoon" Ledoux and Isabelle Bélanger were born in 1880 at a place unknown.

Virginie *daughter of Louis Eugene Letendré and his third wife Angelique Dumas* was born on 16 May 1874 at St-Laurent des Grandin; she was baptized the next day on 17 May 1874 at St-Laurent Mission NWT (SK): Contrarily, it is unknown *for sure* whereat twin Jean-Baptiste was born.

Dominion Sympathizers William McKay III⁵ and Maria Rowland were twice blessed with twins: Alice and George Alexander Sinclair were born on 6 August 1885 at Battleford, NWT (SK); although, Alice died at age 14 mos. on 4 October 1886... Also, Children of the Occupation Catherine and Frederick were born in 1893 at a place unknown.

There were 21 children born to Élie and Mary Anne (*née* Charette) Nault, fourteen survived to adults... their firstborn were twin sons: Élie *fils* and Daniel, whom were born in 1882: Daniel died in 1924, as the result of drinking "bad water."

Records for Charles and Virginie *lastborn son and daughter of the traitor Charles Nolin and his first wife the widow Marie-Anne Harrison* are confusing: In the first place, Charles is born on 30 July 1876...; now then, Virginie is said to have been born either on 4 November 1876 or 5 August 1877. It is highly doubtful *that* these two were born two months apart from each other; so it is probable *that* Virginie was born in 1877 and that these two were not twins.

⁵ During the 1885 Dominion Invasion of the Stolen South Branch Lands, William McKay enrolled in the Battleford Home Guard No. 2 Co., and was a scout for the Canadian government.

Raphael son of Patriots Joseph Dodet Parenteau - an Exovede Patriarch - and Angélique Judith Godon was born on 7 September 1848...; unless the scribe is wrong and the records were improperly recorded, Raphael's twin brother Alphonse Joseph *père* was born two days later on 9 September 1848 at a place unknown.

Marie and Virginie daughters of Patriots Louis Parenteau and Rosalie Letendré were born on 23 July 1898 at Batoché District, NWT (SK).⁶

Bruno and Azarie sons of Patriots Napoléon Parenteau and Rosalie Dubois were born on 30 April 1888 or 1889 at Batoché, (SK): It is noteworthy that they both died the same day on 16 May 1978 at Prince Albert, (SK) - age 90 yrs.

Children of the Occupation Gustave and George sons of Patriots Patrice Parenteau and Philomene Vallée were born ~1900 at a place unknown.

Napoléon son of Patriots Pierre "Pierriche" Parenteau and Marie-Anne Caron was born on 9 March 1858 at St-Norbert, RRS; he died in 1905 at a place unknown. All that is known of twin sister Celina is that she was also born in 1858.

Children of Patriots Joseph Pilon and Angélique Normand Hermenegilde and Modeste are supposed to be twins. Hermenegilde was born on 7 May 1870 and died in 1957. Modeste was born in 1870 and died in 1848.⁷

Marie-Florestine and Alex children of Patriots Charles Damase Racette and Mary Jane Ouellette⁸ were born on 22 December 1896 at a place unknown.

Children of the Occupation: Eleonore Marie and Marie daughters of Patriots Joseph Sauvé and Eulalie Carrière were born in 1900 at a place unknown.

Twin daughters were born unto Patriots Alexandre Henri Sayers and Susanna Isbister⁹ in 1884, but they both died at birth.

Thomas and Alice Mary children of Patriot Henri "Fleury" Sayers¹⁰ - a widower - and Marie Bremner (deceased) were born on 29 May 1881 at Headingly (MB); as noted, these died before June 1881...

⁶ Ancestry.com does not mention twin Virginie Parenteau.

⁷ Piloninternational.ca has Modeste Pilon: b. 7 May 1870; d. 1848...: Obviously, he did not die before he was born... there is an error.

⁸ In *Families of the 1885 Resistance*, 2009, Barkwell has "child-bride" Mary Jane Ouellette (15) and Charles Damase Racette (called Charles Racette III) espoused at the time of the Invasion: Mary Jane Ouellette (18) m. Charles Damase Racette (24) on 7 February 1888 in St-Laurent, NWT (SK).

⁹ She gave birth to twin girls in 1884 but they both died at birth. She also died after the birth of her son, "Little Alex" in 1886; her body and those of the twins were returned to be buried at Headingly (MB).

¹⁰ Henri "Fleury" Sayer (20) was first married to Marie Bremner (21) daughter of Alexander Bremner and Elizabeth "Betsy" Twatt: Thirteen children are known to have been born of their union between 1862 and 1881; unfortunately, Mary lost her one year old daughter, Mary Alice, and her newborn twins Thomas and Alice Mary died, as well; then she died herself all in the same year. Her grave stone says that she

Erroneous recordkeeping has confused the issue of Barnabé and Modeste *children of Patriots Capt. James "Timeous" Short and Mathilde McGillis* which were both born in the same year, months apart! Barnabé is said to be born on 1 July 1869 at St-François-Xavier, RRS. Modeste is said to be born in November 1869 *also* at St-François-Xavier, RRS; his death is said to have been in April 1873 at St-Laurent, NWT (SK); but it is unknown as to when or where Barnabé perished.

Eugenie and Marie *children of Patriots Elzéar Swain and Caroline Lafferty Schmidt* were born on 7 August 1890 at a place unknown.

Joseph and Marguerite *children of Patriots Joseph Trottier père and Thérèse Vallée dit Laplante* may be twins: Marguerite was born on 4 October 1857, near Fort Ellice, Rupert's Land¹¹ - when and where she died is unknown; all that is known of Joseph is that he was *also* born in 1857...

Marie and François *children of Patriots Antoine François Vandal dit Matchas and Isabelle Beauchemin* were born in October 1861 at St-Norbert, RRS; and, these were baptized on 30 October 1861 at St-Norbert, RRS. Further is unknown of Marie, but of François it is known that he died on 23 February 1862 at St-Norbert, RRS, and was thereafter buried on 24 February 1862 at St-Norbert, RRS.

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Triplets

Lazare, Alexandre, and Marie-Julia, *children of Patriots (Jean)-Baptiste Hamelin and Marguerite Houle*, were born in 1866: Lazare and Alexandre died in 1886...; their sister Marie-Julia, though, lived for twenty-three years, dying on 5 June 1889 at Duck Lake, NWT (SK).

Eliza, Caroline, and Antoinette, *children of Patriots John Ross and Marguerite Grant* were born on 8 July 1876 at a place unknown.

died 13 June 1881 and the burial records indicate that she was buried 14 June 1881, (rather than 16 August 1881 *as in the Bresaylor book*).

¹¹ Fort Ellice was a Hudson's Bay Company trading post built in 1831 in Rupert's Land near the junction of the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle rivers.